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County BOE briefed on 4 X 4 program

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

It did not take members of the Coffee County Board of Education long to "zip" through their 14 item agenda Monday evening.

Earlier, board members were involved in an "open work session" prior to the regular meeting. This allowed them to work through some of the time consuming matters.

Roger Bowden briefed the board on the 4 x 4 program which has been approved for implementation by the state BOE.

The program requires that all students entering the ninth grade next year take, and pass, four courses each in math, science, social studies and English before graduating.

Bowden noted that additional teachers and textbooks will be needed as the students progress in the system.

Superintendent Clayton Bryant commented that he anticipated the drop-out among high school students to increase in the early stages of the 4 x 4 program.

However, in the long run, both Bowden and Bryant feel that this program will be good for students.

"It will create some problems, but we'll survive," said Bowden. "And it will be very interesting."

Mr. Spurlin has a long-standing commitment to young people. Richardson has coached little league soccer, volunteered on children's wards in hospitals, and was instrumental in founding a Law Explorers troop in his former home in New York. Mr. Spurlin believes that by challenging young people with academic and su-

pervised extra-curricular activities we can keep our children off drugs and out of trouble.

Richard is committed to constantly improving our schools, facilitating communication and cooperation among all of our citizens, and invigorating our agricultural and commercial interests. Mr. Spurlin believes that if we incorporate such policies our children will remain in Coffee County and still realize a prosperous life.

Ms. Lee has worked as the co-director of the Wiregrass Writing Project at Troy State University, where she teaches other teachers to use writing for learning in the classroom. Attending were one year in Culbert, Georgia as a Chapter I teacher, and one year in Middleburg, Florida, as an advanced math teacher. Ms. Lee's love of reading is evident in her teaching. She teaches integrated subjects using a variety of good literature and a wide range of hands-on activities with her students. It's impossible to predict what "instrument" Ms. Lee's students will be playing for a science experiment or what "exotic" foods they will be cooking when studying another culture or learning measurements for math. No experiment is too difficult or project too messy for her to attach if it reinforces concepts.

Butterflies lay eggs to start the cycle. Different species will lay their eggs at different times of the year. The eggs hatch into caterpillars, which are a larval stage of butterflies. These caterpillars will form pupae in cocoons or as chrysalises after the caterpillars are large enough. Adult butterflies emerge from the chrysalis at the end of this pupal stage. This cycle averages from four to six weeks for most species of butterflies.

Butterflies require food during both their caterpillar and adult stages. Plant any of the following to provide food for caterpillars: willow, oak, cherry, dogwood, clover, cabbage, parsley, fennel, aster, broccoli, milkweed, Queen Anne's lace, snapdragon or marigold.

Caterpillars eat foliage and can be quite heavy feeders. Black swallowtail caterpillars can practically strip all the foliage off a parsley plant, one of their favorites.

Adult butterflies eat nectar. To attract them to your yard, you will need to plant flowers and flowering shrubs that are high nectar producers. For Alabama, these include the following: black-eyed Susan, butterfly weed, butterfly bush, purple coneflower, yarrow, rosemary, zinnia, joe-pye weed, lantana, coreopsis, chives, gallardia, bee balm, or verbena.

Also, when you're planting your garden, be sure to have something blooming from spring until fall. This will help ensure the butterflies will have a steady food supply.

Miss Alabama Coming to Elba... Leigh Sherer, Miss Alabama 1995, will be a guest performer at the Little Miss/Junior Miss/Miss Elba Beauty Pageant on Saturday, May 4, 1996. Miss Sherer will be signing autographs and meeting with the girls and guests. She will be performing with her piano and vocal talents. Bill Taylor, one of the co-hosts of the Today in Alabama show on WSFA-TV, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the pageant. Mrs. Kim Lowery, Mrs. Starla Amison, and Miss Danielle Tew will be directing the pageant.

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution will hold a monthly meeting at the Elba Public Library on Saturday, April 27, at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Circuit Judge Tom Head. Guests and prospective members are welcome.

The Little Miss/Junior Miss/Miss Elba Beauty Pageant, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 1996, at the Elba High School Auditorium. The Little Miss Pageant will be at 3:00 p.m., with the Junior Miss and Miss Elba Pageant to begin at 7:00 p.m.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Alabama Senator Dwight Adams, Coffee County's own, is continuing his battle against taxes. He announced this week sponsorship of a bill to require a "supermajority" or 3/5 of the senators and representatives to pass any new tax or fees in Alabama. Governor Fob James has indicated his support for such a law, but that doesn't give the measure a guarantee of passing. Adams said he doesn't expect the measure to pass in these closing days of the legislative session, "but it could if legislators wanted it to pass."

Seven year old Jessica Dubroff was the young girl who was attempting a record flight across the U. S. when her plane crashed in Cheyenne WY, killing her, her dad and the instructor pilot. Right away there were cries that such a young girl should not have been flying ... publicity stunts, etc. Our thoughts differ. There was a qualified instructor on board and there were two complete sets of controls in the cockpit. Those folks would have been just as dead if the little girl was asleep in the back seat and the two adults were at the controls ... the plane crashed and all were killed - unfortunately. The error was probably in the adults making a decision to take off in that thunderstorm, rather than waiting for it to pass on. We support parents for encouraging their children to learn about new things in which they are interested. Knowledge is sacred and getting more so every day. How better to learn about machinery than with a qualified, certified instructor watching your every move.

People driving down the Kinston Highway can't help but notice the beautiful tulips in front of the Ben and Peggy Carpenter home, just as you get to Brookdale. In fact they are so pretty and perfect, we had to take a double look Sunday afternoon to be sure they were not artificial. Peggy gets all the credit for the success of those blooming bulbs. More than likely she would bristle at the suggestion of them being artificial, just as a sister of ours used to react when asked what she put on her hair which was naturally very blond and didn't need any dyeing.

Last week we wrote about Elba native Johnny Vaughan resigning as Superintendent of the Troy City School system and accepting a job in Kentucky. Well, now it is official and friends know Johnny and Barbara are moving to Henderson, KY where he will assume the leadership of the Henderson County school district. His announced salary will be \$87,500. The chairman of the Kentucky board was quoted saying, "Board members were impressed with Vaughan's financial management ability and his commitment to school technology." The Henderson County school district has an enrollment of 7,500 and a \$40 million budget. That compares with 2,300 students and a \$13 million budget in Troy. Barbara plans to retire at the end of the current school year. Johnny will officially take over the Kentucky position on July 15th after ten years in Troy.

The Elba City Council spent almost an hour in executive session Monday night and when they emerged said nothing about the issue discussed. However, one would have to have been on Mars not to have gleaned enough information off the streets to suspect there is some bad personnel problems, mostly in the police department. Police are very important to the safety and security of any community and therefore we urge our city fathers to get the situation under control ASAP ... both for our safety and our pocketbooks.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

APRIL 9 Thru APRIL 15, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, April 9, 1996, investigated the following incidents: one traffic accident, three thefts of property, one harassment, and one burglary.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: three for harassment.

The following traffic citation was issued during the week: driving while driver's license are suspended. Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, APRIL 9 - River stage - 8.23 feet (18 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 West and Reese Ave. (2:48 p.m.); Alarm at Southeast Alabama Gas District office (5:33 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 - River stage - 8.23 feet (18 a.m.); Rescued squad dispatched to wreck on Co. Rd. 514 (8:47 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (12:34 p.m.); Rescued run to Dorsey Trailers (7:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 - River stage - 7.78 (6:40 a.m.); Wreck reported on AL 203 By-Pass (3:10 p.m.); Possible fight reported in Mulberry park (5:42 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 - River stage - 7.46 feet (6:31 a.m.); Rescued run to a residence on Old Sanson Road (10:17 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84 East (2:33 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on U.S. Hwy. 84 East (6:37 p.m.); Burglary reported at Hickman's (7:40 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) near Tootle Bug's (10:28 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 - River stage - 7.13 feet (6:25 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (12:09 p.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84 East (12:22 p.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (12:30 p.m.); Fight reported at Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline St. (7:19 p.m.); Rescued run to a residence on Hickman Ave. (10:37 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - Disturbance reported at the intersection of Martin

Bulletin Board

S.S. REP - Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30 - 1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
ROBARTY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINISTRIES - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:15 p.m. City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon - 5:15 p.m. City Hall (after City Council meeting)
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brookley
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs - 5:30 p.m. Supr. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - 7 p.m.
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brookley @ Farm Center Complex - 894 5858
COFFEE COUNTY CO-OPERATIVES ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House
COFFEE REPUBLICAN PARTY - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday-12 Noon - Club Hall Conference Room
AARP Meet every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
CIVILIAN PATROL Every Monday 7:30 p.m. - Elba Airport/Old Brookley

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Luther King Dr. and Reynolds St. (1:09 a.m.); River stage - 7.64 feet (6:24 a.m.); Rescued run to a wreck on U.S. Hwy. 167 (11:30 a.m.); Rescued run from Elba General Hospital to Dothan (4:25 p.m.); Rescued run to a residence on Bruns Circle (9:35 p.m.).

MONDAY, APRIL 15 - River stage - 12.78 feet (6:26 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84 West (7:33 a.m.); Wreck on Claxton Ave. (11:20 a.m.); Disturbance at Burch's Trailer Park (3:42 p.m.); Fight reported on Mullins Circle (4:07 p.m.); Rescued run to a wreck on U.S. Hwy. 166 (4:15 p.m.); Rescued run to Morrow Village (5:41 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on E. Davis St. (8:50 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (9:14 p.m.).

REPORT A CRIME CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881 REMAIN ANONYMOUS

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of April 9 through April 15, 1996.

They were: Manual Weeks, Heather Baldwin, Mary Daniels, Kasey Manning, Hannah Manning, Cynthia Hudson, Willie Crocker, Angela Ellis, Melissa Hughes, Fannie Berry, Trudie Jackson, and Mark Davis.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Mavis Leager, Henson Cordle, R. C. Critten, Tracy Baldwin, Shirley Walker, Angela Ellis, Mary Rhoades, Saraco Horstead, Willie Crocker, James Carter, Betty Driggers, Heather Baldwin, Hannah Manning, Kasey Manning, Mary Daniels, Dorothy Hussey, Button Bryant, and Manual Weeks.

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FACTS ABOUT YOUR CREDIT REPORT

Speaker: Gulf Coast Credit Reporting Agency
Where: Elba High School Cafeteria
When: Tuesday, April 23, 1996
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Receive a copy of your credit report by calling Jennifer Booker at The Peoples Bank of Coffee County (897-2252) on or before April 18, and give your name, address, and social security number. The credit reporting agency will provide you with a copy of your credit report at the seminar. Topics to be discussed include: how to read a credit report, how is information reported to the credit agency, and how can you delete incorrect information from your credit report.

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SENIOR AIDES HONORED....The Coffee County Health Department staff recently hosted a breakfast honoring their Senior Aide Workers. These individuals, who are usually referred to as "our Nation's greatest overlooked resource," perform many duties for the health department. They sort and file records, copy manuals and other educational material for the Training Center, pick up mail, assist the elderly and handicapped Day Care clients with arts, crafts and recreational activities. Also, they assist secretaries with numerous daily activities. Coffee County Commissioner Robert Stephens was guest speaker for the Senior Aides' quarterly meeting. The group is pictured above (l-r): Robert Stephens, commissioner; Ruth Mack, Elba Day Care; Lois Stroud, Coffee County Health Department; Marion Harback, New Brookley Senior Center; Mary Bradford, County Health Department; Lois Peters, Coffee County Health Department; Mary Flowers, Enterprise Senior Center; Mary Wilson, Enterprise Senior Center; Clara Terry, Elba Senior Center; and Grace Kelley, Coffee County Health Department.



FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Too Many Taxes Mean Too Much Government

The power to tax, observed Supreme Court Justice John Marshall, "involves the power to destroy." That was in 1819. On April 15, 1996 - 177 years later - the conservative House of Representatives will mark another federal tax filing day by seeking to limit the government's ability to raise taxes on you.

Americans are fed-up with high taxes which consume an ever larger portion of their annual incomes. Today, a typical family of four pays 38.2 percent of its total income in taxes - that's more than three hours of an eight-hour workday to pay for federal, state and local taxes.

This means that in many families with two working parents, one parent is working almost full-time just to pay the government! But it hasn't always been that way.

The total tax burden on Americans was just five percent in the 1950's, yet their hard-earned tax dollars managed to pay for our national defense, build a nationwide interstate highway system, deliver the mail, and provide other essential government functions.

And all of this was done without the federal budget deficits and bureaucratic red ink that we've come to accept from the bloated, redundant federal government of today. Bigger government goes hand in hand with higher taxes but neither assures greater efficiency as recent history has proven.

To kill Kudzu you have to get at the roots. The same principle applies to Washington. Ever increasing taxes are the roots of our Goliath-sized government.

In response, Congress will vote this week on a constitutional amendment limiting the ability of lawmakers

to increase taxes. The new tax limitation amendment would require a two-thirds "super majority" vote any time Congress seeks to pass a tax increase.

What effect would this bill really have? If this legislation, which is expected to pass the House, were already law taxpayers would have seen dramatic results.

During the last 30 years there have been 16 major tax increases, of which only half would have had the necessary two-thirds vote to pass into law had the new tax limitation amendment been in place. Since 1980, had the new tax limitation amendment been in effect, taxpayers would have been spared at least \$666 billion in increased taxes and fees!

The idea of a tax limitation is already popular on the state level. Tax "rebels" around the nation have resulted in at least one-third of the states enacting their own tax limitation legislation.

Now, it is even more urgent at the federal level where Bill Clinton is planning another \$60 billion in tax increases over the next seven years. Ironically, this President has gone out of his way to avoid tax cuts - even the middle class tax cuts he promised on the bloated, redundant federal government of today.

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With the American people as our support, conservatives are determined to limit the taxing power of government. I'll keep you posted on our progress in your behalf.

Piney Woods Arts Festival scheduled for April 20 & 21



Beautiful pottery is always a favorite at the Piney Woods Arts Festival. Among this year's participants, you'll find "Pottery by Lynn," created by Lynn Koning of Pinckard. The festival takes place Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21, on the campus of Enterprise State Junior College.



Mary Rollins of Panama City, Florida brings her calligraphy work to the Piney Woods Arts Festival this year. Make time to browse through the dozens of displays at the Piney Woods Arts Festival, Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21 on the campus of Enterprise State Junior College.

Dear Friends,

Our hearts are full of gratitude and joy as we think about this loving community we are fortunate enough to live in. As we have already shared with our church family, there is no doubt in our minds that all the prayers sent up for our precious Anna Marie during the last nine weeks and for me during my pregnancy is what got us through it all.

Besides saying thank you, we wanted to share Anna Marie's homecoming with you. We brought her home on March 28, and she now weighs 5 lbs. 7 oz. We are very proud of her and how well she is doing, but please continue your prayers because there are still areas of concern.

There will probably be a day when Anna Marie, as a teenager, will complain about how small Elba is, and how there is nothing to do. We assure everyone that we will calmly, but promptly remind her of how lucky she is. Thank you again from both families and God bless.

Sincerely yours,
Karen & Andy Bowers
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It's time for the 22nd Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival. Don't miss the excitement Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21, on the grounds at Enterprise State Junior College.

Once again, there will be dozens and dozens of artists and craftsmen displaying a wide variety of beautiful works. Many of these participants return year after year to Piney Woods, including Matthew Brabham with his hand-thrown pottery; James Mulligan with his etched glass scenes; local photographer Doug Paramore; the watercolorists and mixed media of Mary Goff; the acrylic paintings of Floyd Norris; and the Civil War paintings of John

Warr. And these are only a few of your past favorites this year, Piney Woods will feature many new works. Watch for wildlife artist Wayne Spradley, David Yeh with Chinese scenes, and American Indian art by Hank Lessard.

The children's area at Piney Woods has been expanded this year, so there will be plenty to interest the youngsters.

The entertainment at the 22nd Piney Woods Arts Festival will be the best ever. There will even be a wandering minstrel, "Riverboat" John, who sings, plays the banjo and guitar, and tells tall tales. The ESJC Entertainers start everything off on Saturday, followed by several other area groups. On Sunday afternoon, you'll hear the Enterprise High School Encores, the Echoes, and the Jazz Band.

Other features include the Beta Sigma Phi Bake Sale and the school art section, with the works of talented students taught by Sherry Eddins, Carol Elliott, John Jennings, and Laurene Miller.

Take the time to browse through all the displays. Once again, the president's purchases from past years will be on display inside Conner Hall.

This annual event, sponsored by the Coffee County Arts Alliance, is fun for the whole family. Every year gets bigger and better, attracting artists from as far away as Canada. And it all happens Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21 at Enterprise State Junior College.

WE GET LETTERS

The following letter is a response received by Senator Howell Heflin concerning an inquiry sent to him by Joan Ward of Elba.

Dear Senator Heflin:
This is in response to your inquiry on behalf of Ms. Joan Ward and her co-signers regarding aliens who receive benefits after being in the country for a relatively short period of time.

In recent years, both Congress and the Administration have worked towards changes in this area. In 1980, in response to concerns that some sponsored immigrants were quality for supplemental security income (SSI) benefits almost immediately after their arrival in the United States, Congress enacted a provision that required that for the first 3 years after a sponsored immigrant's entry into the United States, his or her sponsor's income and resources would be regarded as the immigrant's for purposes of determining SSI eligibility and benefit amounts.

I.e., sponsor-to-alien deemed. In November 1993, Congress temporarily extended the deemed period from 3 to 5 years, effective January 1, 1994 through September 30, 1996 (not, as may have been reported, January 1, 1996). Sponsor-to-alien deemed generally prevents sponsored immigrants from qualifying for SSI during their first 5 years in the country.

Currently, provisions in the budget reconciliation and welfare reform legislation that has passed Congress - as well as provisions that were in the Administration's 1994 welfare reform legislation - would make sponsors more financially responsible for the immigrants they sponsor and reduce the number of immigration categories that would qualify noncitizens for SSI.

The Administration and Congress have not reached agreement on which noncitizens should continue to be eligible for SSI and other means-tested public assistance programs. However, they do appear to agree that refugees, asylees, and aliens who have their deportations withheld should be eligible for SSI. There are three categories of noncitizens that are admitted into the United States on humanitarian grounds because they are unable to return to their home countries because of persecution or fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. It has been the longstanding policy of the Federal Government to provide assistance to such individuals to help resettle them until they are self-supporting and contributing members of the United States.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance. Sincerely,
Vincent Sanudo
Director, Office of Public Inquiries

AREA DEATHS

JOHNNY LAMBERT

Johnny Lambert, age 39 of Kinston, Alabama, died Saturday, April 13, 1996 at his home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 15, 1996 from Rainer Funeral Home of Opp, AL. Burial followed in Peaceful Acres with Rainer Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his parents, Martin and Elva Lambert of Kinston, AL; a sister, Gail Mancil of Opp, AL; two brothers, Larry Lambert of Samson, AL and Gerry Lambert of Elba, AL.

GRACE TAYLOR

Grace Taylor, age 96 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, April 11, 1996 in an Elba, AL nursing home. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 13, 1996 from the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Minister Bill Beck officiating. Hayes Funeral Home directed the services.

Survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth Jones and Helen Taylor, both of Elba, AL; two sisters, Clair Wainston and Ruth Oughterson, both of Elba, AL; two grandchildren; five great grandchildren.

LIJAH JACKSON HORNSBY

Lijah Jackson Hornsby, age 83 of Enterprise, Alabama, died Friday, April 12, 1996 at her home.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 14, 1996 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Floyd Dyal officiating. Burial followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens of Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Corine Byrd Hornsby of Enterprise, AL; two daughters, Janice Smith of Bay Minette, AL and Kathie Sue Hornsby of Dothan, AL; one sister, Peggy Lewis of Ozark, AL; six brothers, Malcom Hornsby of Opp, AL, Calvin Hornsby, Melvin Hornsby, and Stancel Hornsby, all of New Brookley, AL; James Hornsby of Ozark, AL, and Lemuel Hornsby of Pensacola, Florida; three grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren.

ESSIE PONCEY CAPPS

Essie Pouncey Capps, age 96 of Enterprise, Alabama, died Saturday, April 13, 1996 at her home.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, April 15, 1996 at Meadowlawn Cemetery with Rev. Daniel Edmonds officiating. Seary Funeral Home of Enterprise, AL directed the services.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Pittman and Betty Capps, both of Enterprise, AL, and Marsha Easters of Elba, AL; a son, Billy Capps of Enterprise, AL; 9 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren.

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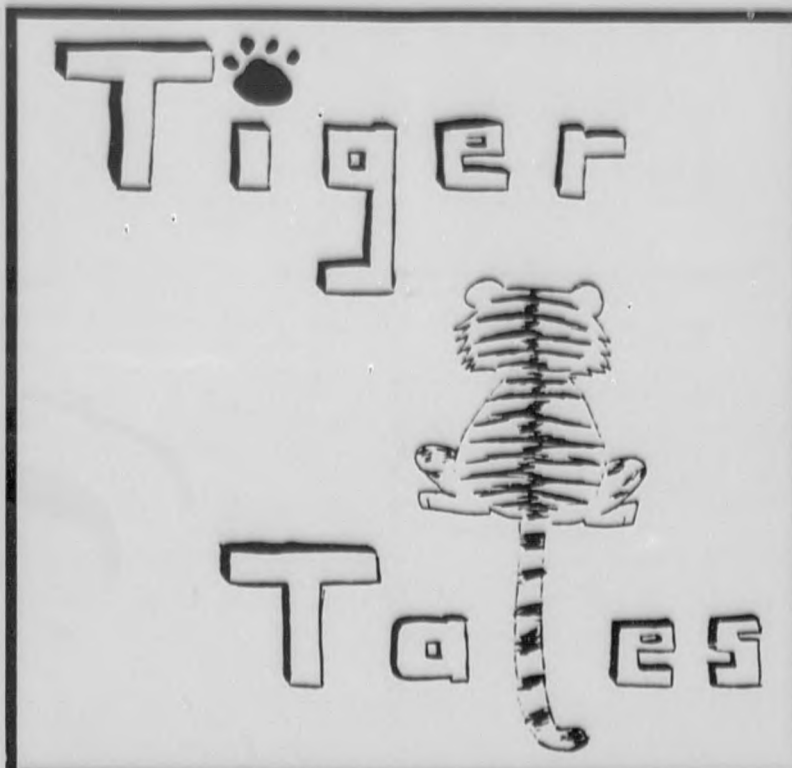
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l to r) are Amber Frederick and Laura Crowe.

by Kayla Phillips & Regina Austin
Shimica Daniels is the daughter of Herietta Daniels. She attends Shady Grove A.M.E. Church and she is a member of FBLA, FFA, and FFA. Her hobbies are talking, having fun and playing sports.
Deana Gilford is the daughter of Martha and Arthur Gilford. She attends the Abundant Life Church, and her hobbies are playing the trumpet and talking on the phone.
Amber Frederick is the daughter of Denise and Tommy Bryan. She attends Liberty Church of Christ and she is a member of Jr. Beta, FFA, FBLA, FFA, and SADD. Her hobbies are playing softball, volleyball and basketball.
Laura Crowe is the daughter of Dale and Nancy Crowe. She attends First Baptist Church and she is a member of FFA, FFA, SGA, Jr. Beta, FBLA, Chi Alpha Mu, and Girl Scouts. Her hobbies are cheering, talking on the phone and being with friends.



Free By Choice Program

by Jill Martin

On March 18, the school held a special assembly for grades 7-12 for a program called "Free By Choice." A state penitentiary brought two prisoners to speak to the students about what sent them to prison, drugs and alcohol. The

two men told their stories to try to express the danger involved with the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. One prisoner told the group that he grew up in a wealthy family and had everything he could possibly want given to him on a silver platter. He was a football player and a very popular young man throughout his high school years. He went to college on a football scholarship. He then began drinking uncontrollably. It wasn't until his third car accident that he took the life of an innocent human being. He was then taken away from all of the material things his college degree aided him in enjoying. He is now in the state prison and up for parole in a few years. He is planning on working for a church with the youth when he is released.

The next person was only 21 years old. He was also a heavy drinker, but spoke primarily on the abuse of drugs. Unlike the other man, he grew up involved heavily in gangs. This he explained boosted his interest in using drugs and killing. He not only explained the effects of drug usage but he also emphasized the danger of being involved in gang activity. He is also up for parole in a few years. Both men spoke of the horrors associated with jail life.

Hopefully, the speakers reached many students lives and caused each person to realize the horrible outcomes of the abuse of drugs and alcohol. The title of the program "Free By Choice" allows each student to realize they are free now only because they choose to be, but only one had decision could lead to a life full of nightmares.

Co-Op Spotlight



Pictured above is Keli Tindol.

by Jarrod Adkison & Marsha Tillis
 Keli Tindol, a senior at Elba High School, is employed by Billy R. Farris, DMD. She has been working since June of 1995 from 1:00 to 5:00. Her duties consist of office work and assisting Dr. Farris. When asked about her job Keli says, "It is a great learning experience. I enjoy working with the patients."

Valedictorian & Salutatorian



Pictured above are Jenny Ross and Jarrod Adkison.

VALEDICTORIAN... The valedictorian of the class of 1996 is Jarrod Adkison. Jarrod graduates with a GPA of 101.9348. He is a Tiger Rep, Vice-President of Senior Beta Club, and vice-president of Mu Alpha Theta. Jarrod is a member of VICA, FFA, FBLA, SADD, the Coffee County 4-H Peanut Club, the EHS Math team and English team and the Elba staff. Jarrod serves as reporter of the 1996 senior class.

SALUTATORIAN... The Salutatorian of the Class of 1996 is Jenny Ross. Jenny graduates with a cumulative GPA of 100.80. She is a member of Senior Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, the EHS History team, the EHS Math team, the Elba staff, and is a Tiger Rep. Jenny is also editor of the Tiger Times newspaper. She plans to attend Troy State University in the fall to major in Biology and after graduating, plans to attend medical school at UAB.

Elba City Schools Menus

April 22-26, 1996

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Toast & Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Monday - Hamburger Helper, English Peas, Pear Half, Rolls, Milk.
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Tuesday - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peach Half, Rolls, Milk.
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Wednesday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Baked Beans, Dessert, Milk.
Thursday - Pancakes or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Half Orange, Milk.
Friday - Toast & Eggs or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Friday - Hot Dog, Potato Tots, Field Peas, Half Apple, Milk.

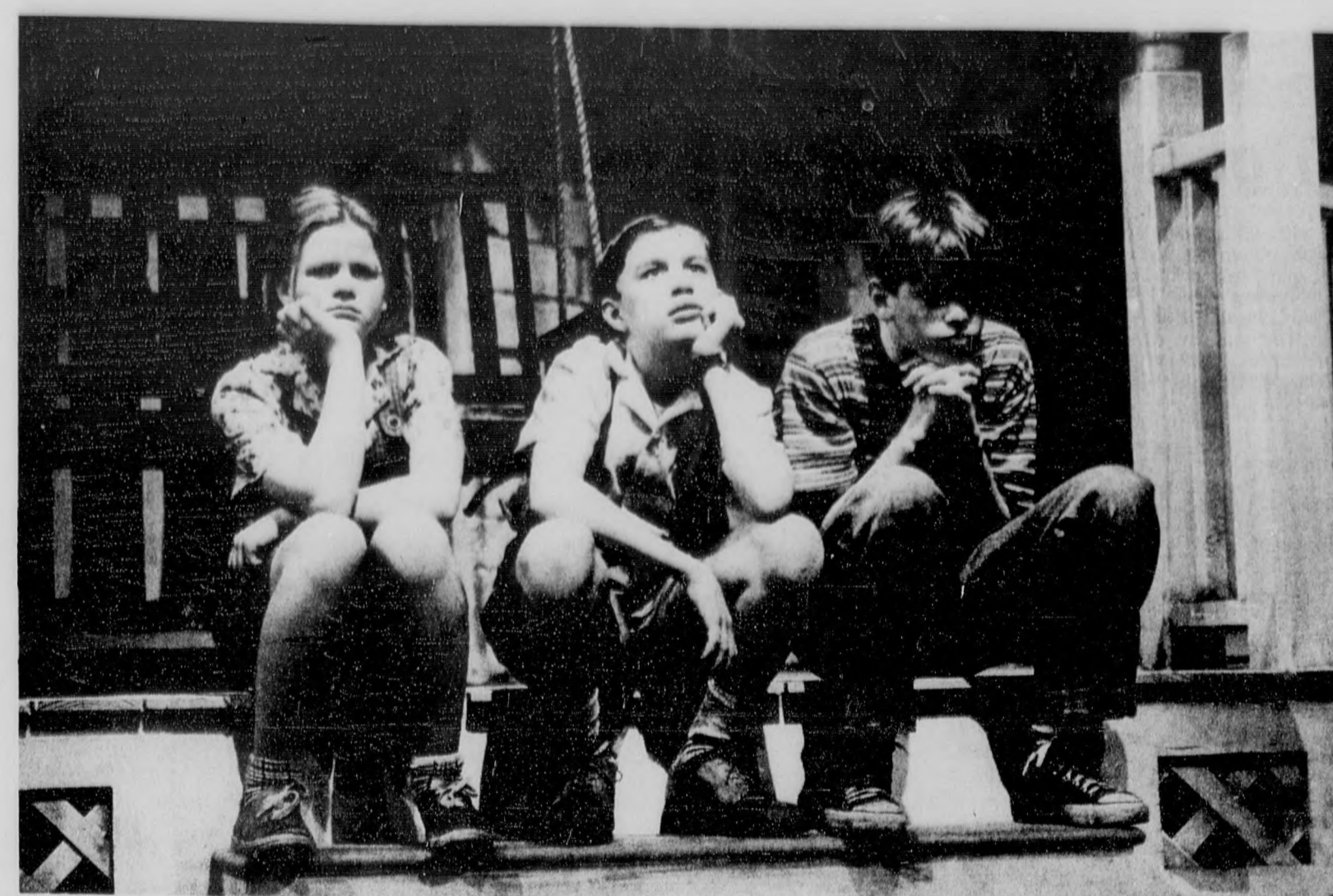
Holley Receives TSU Scholarship

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor of the Troy State University System, announced that Jamie Anderson Holley of Elba, Alabama, is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award. This scholarship will pay for full tuition to Troy State for four years. To receive this award Jamie had to earn a 26 ACT score along with a

3.5 overall GPA on a 4.0 scale. To comply with his scholarship, Jamie will be expected to keep a 3.0 GPA while attending Troy State.

Jamie will be a 1996 graduate of Elba High School. He is the son of Roger and Pat Boothe of Elba, Alabama.

Chelsea Cooper shines in theatre production

Chelsea Cooper as Scout, Will Mitchell as Dill and David Bonham as Jem in the 1996 ASF production of *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*.

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By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Chelsea Cooper is currently starring as Scout Finch in the stage presentation of the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *To Kill A Mockingbird* currently being presented by the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery.

She was featured earlier this month in the Sunday edition of *The Montgomery Advertiser*. The article, which took up more than a half page, was written by a reporter who came to Elba and followed Chelsea around school one day, interviewing her, her family and friends.

The 11-year old Elba youth is the daughter of Renita Marler and Bancroft Cooper Jr., both of Elba. She is a student at Elba Elementary School.

Chelsea continues to keep up her sixth grade school work by studying while riding back and forth from Elba to Montgomery for rehearsals. The popular youngster is also serving as president of the student council this year.

Her mother has organized a family support team to accompany Chelsea to Montgomery and stay with her during the long hours of practice and the performances.

The part is of a young girl growing up in Maycomb, (Montgomery) AL, the daughter of a small town Southern lawyer in 1935, who is telling her story years later, in the only book written by author, and Monroville native, Harper Lee. It was published in 1960 and is reportedly read in virtually every high school in America.

The story line is of a young

Chelsea Cooper, president of the Elba Elementary Student Council, "hammering it up" in a picture recently published in *The Elba Clipper* to promote a school project.

girl learning about love and loss, truth and falsehoods, her town and her own father, a white lawyer defending a black man unjustly accused of raping a white woman in the town called Maycomb. The children observe much of the trial by sneaking into the courthouse balcony and watching their father work.

The play will run through July 21st. Presentations are (usually) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 PM; Fridays at 8 PM; Saturdays at 2 PM and 8 PM; and on Sundays at 2 PM and 7:30 PM. Tickets cost from \$15 to \$25. Information on which nights this production is scheduled and which nights Chelsea will be performing and if tickets are available may be obtained by calling the box office at 1-800-841-4ASF or (334) 271-5353.

The story line is of a young

Greg Thornton as Atticus and Chelsea Cooper as Scout in the 1996 ASF production of *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*, currently playing on stage at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Coffee County Schools Menu

April 22-26, 1996

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Monday - Chicken Sandwich or Spaghetti, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, Cheese Rolls, Fruit, Milk.
Tuesday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Tuesday - Baked Ham or Chicken Pot Pie, Sweet Potato Souffle, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk.
Wednesday - Cheese Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Wednesday - Beef Sticks or Hamburgers, Corn Nuggets, Lettuce/Tomato, Rolls, Fruit, Milk.
Thursday - Popart or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Fried Chicken or Meat Loaf, Potato Salad, English Peas, Rolls, Banana Pudding, Fruit.
Friday - Sausage & Biscuits, Jelly, or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Friday - Roast Beef or Barbecue Sandwich, Green Salad, Tater Tots, Fruits, Milk.

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 *April 22: The Varsity Lady Tigers play Laverne here at 4:00 p.m.
 *April 18: The Baseball Tigers play Louisville. The time and place will be announced later.
 *April 24: The Baseball Tigers play Opp here at 4:00 p.m.
 *April 24: Seniors report to school at 9:00 a.m.
 *April 20: Junior Varsity Softball Tournament.

GO TIGERS

???Question??? Corner

by Destiny Brown
 This week the students of Elba High School were asked, "How do you feel about the Miss Spring Break Pageant?"
Eric Jordan: "I thought Leray was very funny."
Calvin Tyson: "I feel neutral."
Pernell Terry: "It's fun & funny."
Shawn Kidd: "It was funny & all of the guys were 'pretty'."
KaBreisha Tyson: "It was fun because we got out of class."
Shane Miller: "It's very funny."
Tiffany Farris: "I feel that it's something for students to have a fun time & relax from stress of hard work."
Kendra Vaughn: "I really like it because it's very funny & it gives everyone a good laugh."
Pete Manning: "It was alright."
Emilee Benbow: "It's fun but it's beginning to get kind of old."

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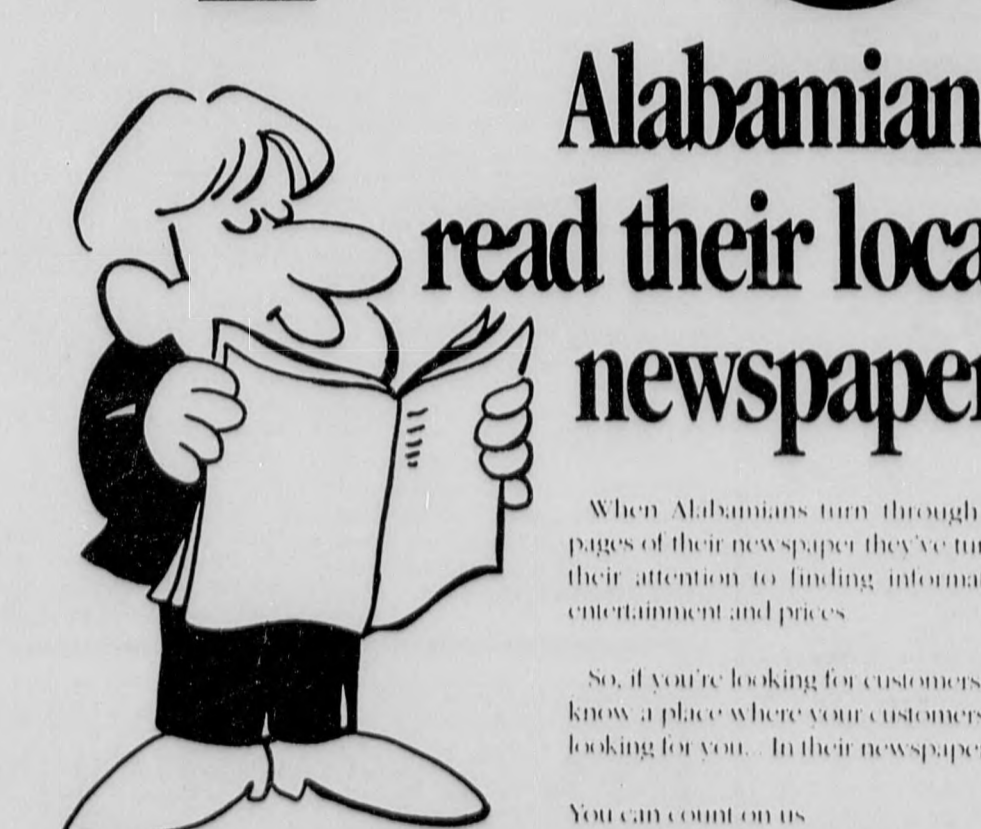
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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I went up to the park Sunday afternoon with the girls to practice softball and on the way to the park I was a little worried about how well the girls would handle the heat and humidity. Well, the girls did gulp down some water during a break, but after practice it was me that was gulping down anything cold and soaking wet with perspiration. Does that mean I can't keep up with the kids anymore?

ELBA TIGERS POST KEY AREA WINS

The Elba Tigers opened Area 4 play last week and claimed lopsided wins over Luverne and Louisville to grab the early lead in the area standings. The top two teams make it to the state playoffs and the Tigers are virtually assured of a spot in the post-season action; however, the runner-up in Area 4 will have to travel to Mobile in the opening round to meet either St. Paul's or UMS-Wright, while the winner of the area will play at home. When you look at the long road trip that awaits the runner-up, there is no doubt why Elba's Coach Lowery rested his starters against Opp and let the younger players battle the Bobcats. In the wins, Elba used their bats to do the talking early in the game and let their pitchers take control down the stretch. The two big area wins, coupled with the win over G.W. Long, should give the Tigers the shot of confidence needed to carry them down the stretch as they head into the playoffs.

LADY TIGERS WIN THREE IN TOURNEY

The Elba Lady Tigers entered the Sweet Swingers Tournament with a 1-9 record and seemed like a good draw for visiting teams, but someone forgot to tell the Lady Tigers they were supposed to be gracious hostesses as they posted wins over Geneva County, Brantley and Highland Home to send all three opponents packing their bags. The Lady Tigers played well enough on defense to stay in the games, and began to hit the ball with consistency, as their three wins would indicate. Elba still is not the best team around and is probably no real threat to make the State Tournament; however, the Lady Tigers are good enough to win just about any time they hit the field and could have a few more surprises up their belts before they hang up their cleats.

The Lady Tiger JV's also competed in the tourney and posted one win before being eliminated. Elba's youngsters posted a big win over Zion Chapel in its opener and played well early against both G.W. Long and New Brockton before getting flustered late and taking big losses. The younger girls weren't intimidated by their high school opponents; however, and played to win in each and every game.

SWEET SWINGERS TOURNEY WAS BIG SUCCESS

The Sweet Swingers High School Softball Classic may be only two years old; however, judging from the eighteen teams that competed last weekend and the huge crowds in attendance, the tourney is already one of the biggest and most favorite of high school teams across South Alabama. Three teams from Mobile were in the field and spent the night in area towns, while other teams came in and stayed as they filled the city's eating establishments, grocery stores and convenience stores through the day on Saturday. Judging from the trash picked up on in some of the action. Maybe next year the tournament will be even bigger, and the area merchants will pitch in and help out with some of the activities.

Elba High golfers enjoying banner season on links

The Elba High School golf team began its season recently, and after four matches has claimed three first place finishes and one second place finish.

The Tiger golfers began their season on April 1 with a three-team match at the Enterprise Country Club and won the match by a whopping 101-stroke margin. Elba fired a team score of 385 to easily defeat Samson and Geneva County, which posted scores of 486 and 565, respectively. Elba's Doug Orr was match medalist with an 18-hole score of 83.

The Tiger golfers were back on the course on April 4 when they hosted Samson in a dual match at the Elba Country Club. Elba fired a team total of 348 to easily claim the win over Samson, which posted a score of 472. Doug Orr fired an 18-hole score of 77 to take medalist honors, while John Dubose shot a 79 and Mark Wicker fired an 80.

The Tiger golfers hosted a five-team match on April 9 at the Elba Country Club and remained unbeaten as they posted a team score of 353. Geneva High School placed

second with a team score of 398, while other schools competing included Dale County (423), Samson (477) and Geneva County (500). Elba's John Dubose fired a 79 to take medalist honors, while Elba teammates Doug Orr and Mark Wicker fired rounds of 81 and 83, respectively.

The Tiger golfers traveled to Headland on April 11 for a four-team match and saw its unbeaten streak end as they placed second. Headland won the match with a team score of 334, followed by Elba (374), Samson (453) and Geneva County (471). Joe Masters, of Headland, was medalist with a round of 79.

Elba's golfers concluded their regular season this week with a match in Luverne, but will compete in State Sectional competition on April 22, at Headland, and will try to earn a spot in the State Tournament, set for April 29-30, at Gulf State Park, in Gulf Shores.

Team members include John Dubose, Doug Orr, Mark Wicker, Shaun Kidd, Dustin Stinson, Neil Grantham and Tim Orr.

Dixie Minor & Dixie Youth to open season Friday

The Dixie Youth Baseball League will open its season this week with games scheduled for Friday night and Saturday.

The Dixie Youth League will have six teams battling for the pennant and it appears that the race for the top spot will be very competitive, with the Expos, Cardinals and Blue Jays all posting wins in last week's practice games. The White Sox, Twins and Orioles all lost in last week's pre-season action, but have solid teams, and should be able to claim their share of wins as the season rolls along.

The Dixie Minor League also boasts six teams this season and may be headed for its most competitive season in years. The Rockies, Dodgers and Braves all took wins in last week's practice games; however, all three games were close, and the Brewers, Phillies and Athletics all appear more than ready to battle for the pennant.

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Sports

Defeat Luverne 14-6 and Louisville 16-0

Tigers grab early lead in Area 4 standings

The Elba Tigers opened Area 4 competition last week and grabbed a quick lead in the area standings by posting wins over Luverne 14-6 and Louisville 16-0.

The wins improved the Tigers' record to 6-5, 2-0 in Area 3 play, and put them atop the area stand-



An Elba batter takes a big swing during a recent Tiger win. The Tigers claimed wins over Luverne, Louisville and G. W. Long last week to improve their record for the season to 7-5.

ings with two area games left on the schedule.

"It is always good to get off to a good start in area play," said Elba's Coach David Lowery, "and both wins last week were very important in our goal to win the area title. If we can win the area we will be at the top of the standings."

Following are highlights of last week's key area wins:

ELBA 14 LUVERNE 6
The Elba Tigers scored seven runs in the first inning to grab a quick lead and then pulled away late to defeat the Luverne Tigers 14-6, last Monday afternoon in Elba.

Consecutive singles by Leray Smedley, Derek Marler and Chris Tyson to open the game put the Tigers on the scoreboard, while a walk to Todd McKee and back-to-back singles by Eddie Cowen and Jason Smith enabled Elba to take a 4-0 lead.

A one-out double by Griffin Shirley knocked out two runs and upped the lead to 6-0, and Shirley later scored on Smedley's second hit of the inning as the Tigers added six runs in the fourth to take a 12-0 lead.

Luverne committed one hit with five walks in the top of the second to cut the Elba lead to 7-5, and pulled within 7-6 in the top of the fourth without the benefit of a hit.

Leray Smedley got 3 hits to lead Elba, while Todd McKee, Eddie Cowen, Jason Smith and D'Undray Peterson all added 2. Jody Johnson tossed a one-hitter and struckout 10 batters to get the win on the mound.

Two errors and two walks aided the Elba outburst in the fifth inning.

while key hits in the frame came off the bats of Jason Smith and Chris Tyson.

Leray Smedley, Jason Smith and Griffin Shirley all got 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Chris Tyson added 2 hits. Jody Johnson got the win for the Tigers, allowing 3 hits in four innings of relief work.

ELBA 16 LOUISVILLE 0
The Elba Tigers scored in every inning Thursday afternoon to claim an easy 16-0 win over the Louisville Red Devils, in Elba.

Doubles by Todd McKee and Jason Smith sparked a first inning surge that gave the Tigers a quick 4-0 lead, while a double by Chris Tyson and a triple by Eddie Cowen helped the Tigers score four runs in the second.

Elba opened the tournament against Geneva County and scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to rally and claim a 7-6 win. Marian Smith, Amber Frederick and Jason Windham all got 2 hits in the win.

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Elba falls in extra innings

The Greenville Tigers scored two unearned runs in the eighth inning last Tuesday afternoon in Elba to hand the Elba Tigers a 7-5 setback.

Greenville scored two runs in the third inning to grab a 2-0 lead, but saw Elba rally in the bottom of the fourth to place three runs and take a 3-2 advantage.

Singles by Chris Tyson and Todd McKee, followed by a double by Eddie Cowen sparked the fourth inning rally, while Griffin Shirley added a sacrifice fly.

Greenville pulled even at 3-3 in the fifth, but the Tigers rallied again in the bottom of the sixth as Jason Smith ripped an RBI double to put Elba back on top 4-3.

Greenville scored two runs in the seventh to sneak on top 5-4 and was one out away from ending the game in regulation, only to see Chris Tyson reach on a walk and scored on a clutch hit by Todd McKee.

Greenville failed to get a hit in the eighth inning, but took advantage of two errors and a walk to place two runs and claim the 7-5 win.

Chris Tyson, Todd McKee, Eddie Cowen and Jason Smith all got 2 hits for Elba, while Jason Smith absorbed the loss despite allowing no hits in two innings of relief.

The Tigers' fourth inning rally was simply a preview of things to come; however, as Elba knocked out six hits in the fifth inning to place seven runs and move on top 9-0.

A two-run homer by Derek Marler got the inning off to a fast start for the Tigers, while consecutive hits by Chris Tyson and Todd McKee, followed by free passes to Eddie Cowen and Jason Smith, enabled Elba to pull within 6-5 with no outs.

A sacrifice fly by Josh Mack tied the game at 6-6, and Elba took its first lead of the game at 8-6 when a double by Griffin Shirley doubled in two runs. Shirley later scored on an RBI single by John Robertson, and the Tigers had rallied to grab a 9-6 lead after five innings of play.

Elba failed to score in its final at-bat, but kept Long off the board and held on for the 9-6 win.

Chris Tyson got 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Todd McKee and Jason Smith added two hits apiece. Josh Dawkins got the win as he came with the Tigers trailing 6-0 and held Long to only one hit over the final six innings and fanned 4 batters.

Trent Calhoun got 2 hits and collected two RBI's to lead Elba at the plate, while Brian Rowe took the loss, allowing five hits and six walks in two innings on the mound.

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Youth teams to open season

Bat & Ball Blow-Out set April 27

The balls will be flying in both baseball and softball on Saturday, April 27, when the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation sponsors its first annual "Bat and Ball Blow-Out" for teams in all youth baseball and softball leagues in the city.

"The Babe Ruth, Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor baseball leagues will get a headstart," said Elba Recreation Director Ricky Mularz, "but the games on April 27 will be the official opening of all five baseball leagues and all three of the softball leagues. Games will be played at both fields at Legion Field and all three fields at Hawkins-Williams Park during the day, and it should be a fun day for everyone involved."

"We have plans to introduce all the players and coaches prior to the games," added Mularz, "and we hope this grand opening day will be a success."

Elba Lady Tigers claim 3 wins at Sweet Swingers

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the second annual Sweet Swingers High School Softball Classic last weekend and claimed three wins before being ousted in the 12-team tournament.

Elba opened the tournament against Geneva County and scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to rally and claim a 7-6 win. Marian Smith, Kendra Vaughan, Jason Windham, Leslie Stinson and Wendy Boutwell all got 2 hits to lead the Lady Tigers.

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Lady Tiger JV's grab win at Sweet Swingers event

The Elba Lady Tigers Junior Varsity competed in last weekend's second annual Sweet Swingers High School Softball Classic and claimed one win before being eliminated in the 12-team event.

The Lady Tiger JV's opened the tournament with a big 16-6 win over Zion Chapel. Roshanda McKinnon and Tyeisha Tyson both got 4 hits to lead Elba, while Tyeisha Daniels added 3 and Michelle Lewis, Renee Wambles, Lindsey Jared and Melissa Grantham all collected 2 hits. Melissa Mularz

held Zion Chapel to seven hits and struck-out six batters from her pitching position.

Elba ran into eventual tourney champion G.W. Long in the second round and trailed only 10-4 after four innings before losing 23-4. Katie Vaughan got 2 hits for Elba in the loss.

The Lady Tiger JV's trailed only 3-1 after three innings, but ran out of gas and were eliminated by New Brockton 14-2. Tyeisha Tyson got 2 hits to lead Elba in the loss.

Elba Lady Tigers fall to Samson in softball action

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the road last Tuesday afternoon for a double-header with Samson and came home after suffering losses in both the varsity and junior varsity games.

In the varsity game, Samson exploded to score 12 runs in the fourth and fifth innings to claim a 16-6 win. Elba had battled to a 4-4 deadlock through three innings, but saw Samson use nine hits and six errors in the big innings to pull away for the win. Marian Smith got

2 hits to lead Elba.

In the junior varsity game, Samson rallied to score three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to grab the lead and held on to claim a 13-11 win. The score was knotted at 8-8 after five innings, but Elba scored four runs in the sixth to take an 11-10 lead, only to see Samson rally for the win. Michelle Lewis, Renee Wambles and Chrissy Smith all got 2 hits for Elba, while Melissa Mularz added a home-run in the Lady Tigers' sixth inning rally.

Elba Parks & Recreation
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

BASE RUTH BASEBALL
5:30 - Blue Jays vs. Cardinals
7:15 - Orioles vs. Twins
Thursday, April 18
7:00 - Pirates vs. Marlins
Friday, April 19
6:00 - Marlins vs. Marlins
8:00 - Rangers vs. Astros
Monday, April 22
6:00 - Astros vs. Marlins
8:00 - Pirates vs. Marlins

DIXIE YOUTH & DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL
Friday, April 19
6:00 - Rockies vs. Dodgers
7:45 - Brewers vs. Phillies
Saturday, April 20
2:00 - Athletics vs. Braves
3:45 - Expos vs. White Sox

MEN'S SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 18
7:15 - Elba Merchants vs. Blazers
8:30 - Nalley's Automotive vs. Utility Trailers
(Field #2)
7:15 - Saddle Hill Arabians vs. Bradley's Construction

Monday, April 22
7:15 - Nalley's Automotive vs. Halport/Larry's Spur
8:30 - Elba Merchants vs. Utility Trailers
Tuesday, April 23
7:15 - Blazers vs. Bradley's Construction
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TOURNAMENT TIME

*APRIL 19-20...The 12th annual WZTZ/Playmaker Softball Classic will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 19-20, at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba.

The tournament will have two divisions - Men's Class D, with no home-runs allowed, and Men's Class B and Above, with no home-run limit. The entry fee is \$100 per team and each team will hit its own ASA MSP-47 softball.

Trophies will be awarded to the Top 4 teams in both divisions and the MVP's, with t-shirts to members of the winning teams.

To enter, call Mike McKee 334-897-5810 or Elba Parks and Recreation 334-897-6833.

*MAY 3-4...A fund-raiser softball tournament for the Relay For Life American Cancer Society will be held on May 3-4 at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba.

The tournament, to be hosted by Strickland Masonry, Team #53, will be for Men's Class B and Men's Class C teams, with an entry fee of \$125. Trophies will go to the Top 3 teams in both divisions, with t-shirts to the winning team.

For more information, call Michelle Strickland at 334-347-0286 (night) or 334-393-6711 (day).

*MAY 10-11...The second annual Powerade Classic will be held on May 10-11 at the Troy Sportsplex. Competition will be for Men's Class C, Men's D, and Women's Class C and Below.

Entry deadline is May 8 at 3:00 p.m., and the entry fee is \$100 per team.

For more information, contact Robby Carter at 334-670-6051.

*MAY 17-18...The first annual Job's Sporting Goods NSA Youth Classic will be held on May 17-18, at the Troy Sportsplex.

Competition will be for girls teams ages 10 and Under, 12 and Under, 14 and Under, 16 and Under and 19 and Under.

Entry fee is \$110 per team and the deadline to enter is May 15 at 3:00 p.m.

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CITY

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city vote is needed for passage. McCollough also asked the council to consider repairs to Hawkins-Williams Park. He said the 12-year-old buildings are in bad need of repair. He added that the rough bottom on the pool was resulting in many complaints and cut feet. Both need repairing if they are to be used this summer.

He said it is important to keep the kids swimming and playing ball and off the streets during the summer months.

Clark reported the cost of these repairs could be expensive. Nailing some boards back up and painting them with an expensive preservative would get the buildings going.

The cost of the pool repairs get much higher. One verbal bid for just repairs caused by erosion around and under the pool was \$28,400, Clark said. However, he also told council members the pool needs fixing if it is to be used.

Haywood added that if repairs are not made the damage would increase and so would the repair cost.

Clark is to get additional information on repair costs.

Yelverton asked about street and gutter problems on Winston Street. A committee will look at these needs and the available finances before the next council meeting. Committee members are Yelverton, Ben Carpenter and John W. Sharpless.

BOE

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He listed boys varsity football, basketball, baseball and golf.

Jr. Varsity boys play football and basketball.

Girls varsity sports include softball, volleyball and golf while the Jr. varsity girls play softball, volleyball and basketball.

The golf team is largely co-ed, however they might get into competitions where rules call for them to be separated.

Presently the golf team is being coached by two volunteers, Johnny Martin and teacher Lynn Cook. They are doing an excellent job with the team, Stokes said.

The board approved taking of bids on two new buses, even though

the school will only buy one this year. Bids will be received on both a 66 passenger bus and a 72 passenger bus like those bought recently.

Pearce explained there was a possibility the 66 passenger bus would be quite a bit cheaper. The school is getting state monies of \$28,900 to be spent on new buses this year, or it is returned to Montgomery. That is not enough to buy a bus, therefore the board will have to pay the balance.

The board approved a leave of absence for elementary teacher Melanie Waddell for the balance of the school year. They also approved Amy Thomas to fill the vacancy.

At the recommendation of Pearce, the board voted to send letters of

non-renewal to all non-tenured personnel. After the state education budget is approved, teachers will be notified of their status for the coming year.

The board discussed a drainage problem on some adjoining property. Pearce is to get prices on control measures and if it exceeds the cost of the property, the board will purchase the land.

A school calendar for the 1996-97 school year was adopted. Classes will begin on August 13 for students. The last day of school for students will be May 21, 1997.

The final item of business was an executive session to discuss a personnel problem.



1996 LOG A LOAD FOR KIDS...The 1996 Wiregrass District "Log-A-Load For Kids" campaign was kicked off this past Friday with a barbecue lunch at the Alabama River Woodland's chip mill in Elba. Personnel from the area's forestry industry gathered to make donations which go to Children's Hospital of Alabama. Over \$350,000 will be raised statewide by the 1996 "Log-A-Load For Kids" campaign. Making Making Making the first to go over the \$1,000,000 mark since the campaign started in 1992. Organizers of the area event were Mark Byal of Alabama River Woodlands and Dale Folmar of Pea River Timber Company. Pictured above are some of those attending Friday's luncheon.

CEO

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plants in the world."

Briar addressed the concerns of employees about their job futures, in light of the widely publicized closing of garment plants across the United States. He said, "We're going to stay right here and grow right here."

He added, "The furthest thing from our mind is moving this thing to Honduras or anywhere." He continued, "Not under my watch... we are not cutting anybody."

Kleinert's recently purchased a company with plants in South Florida and Honduras. Briar explained that the two companies would complement each other. The new company has sales outlets which Kleinert's can utilize with current products. The new company makes a different type product and can use

the buying power and skills of the Kleinert's staff to put out a better product at a more competitive price.

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Outstanding student awards for each class year were sponsored by the Coordinating Council of Honor Societies. Heather Stinson of Elba, AL received the Outstanding Junior Award.

Heather was also tapped for membership in the Anderson Society, Blue Key National Honor Society, Mortar Board, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Heather is a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority where she will

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News Among Our Service Folks

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Scott E. Smith, whose wife, Connie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Carpenter of Elba, AL, recently graduated from Naval War College in Newport, RI, and was awarded a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

The 1977 graduate of St. Andrews High School of Shawheeh, N.H., joined the Navy in August 1981. Smith is a 1981 graduate of Auburn University of Auburn, AL with a BA degree.

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ELBA POLICE CHIEF BRUCE PEACOCK ASKED TO HAND IN BADGE AND BEEPER

Elba City Council fires chief of police effective immediately

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council held what was billed as an open forum hearing Tuesday evening on complaints of the professional conduct of Elba Police Chief Bruce Peacock.

A large number of interested citizens were in attendance at the meeting, including off duty police officers and a host of news media members.

Mayor Ricky Haywood opened the meeting by explaining he had talked with the chief following the last council meeting and found the complaints council members had heard were not accurate.

He said that the chief asked him about writing a letter to each council member. The mayor said he had encouraged the chief to do so.

Apparently the results of an executive session of the council on Monday night, April 15th was a request for the chief's resignation. In a memo to members of the city council, dated Tuesday, April 16th, Peacock wrote, "Major Haywood informed me last night that the council wants my resignation as Chief of Police. To me, resignation means that a person is guilty of a wrongdoing and is a way out for him. I have done nothing wrong as Chief of Police, and do not intend to resign. However, I would like for you to consider an open forum discussion on the issues that you brought forth in an executive session on Monday night April 15th, 1996 so that I may have the opportunity for any worthy re-



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butal."

The mayor then explained the format for the open forum. He noted only city council members and city officials would be allowed to speak.

However, before any action began on the scheduled hearing, council member Earl McCollough made a motion to go into executive session. Mayor Haywood opposed the action and said he wouldn't honor the meeting. The mayor said Peacock's request for an open forum leads credibility to his contentions that he is innocent.

Council member Ben Carpenter asked for a minute to confer with the city attorney and returned telling McCollough to make his motion

again, which Carpenter promptly seconded.

The mayor then said that before a vote was taken he wanted to clarify his position. He explained that at the last council meeting, during executive session, he was asked to request the chief's resignation.

Haywood said that after the meeting he went out and spent two hours with Chief Peacock and talked with him at length about the allegations. He told the council the chief said he wasn't guilty and wasn't going to resign.

The mayor then said he was going to call Chief Peacock forward to address the allegations.

Carpenter reminded the mayor there was a motion and second on the executive session and he wanted an immediate vote.

The council member explained the change from the announced plans for the open forum hearing as, "The man had not been suspended nor fired, and until that happens, he was not legally entitled to a hearing of any kind."

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